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1. KUWAIT, JORDAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, BELGIUM, DEMOCRATIC
YEMEN, BOLIVIA, LESOTHO, ZAMBIA, CHILE AND YEMEN WERE
THE SPEAKERS DURING AUGUST 22 AM MEETING OF CONFERENCE.
STANDARD SPEECHES AGAINST APARTHEID WERE MADE BY MAJORITY
OF SPEAKERS. ATTACKS ON ISRAEL CONTINUED WITH JORDANIAN
REP (WALEED SADI) NOTING THAT RES 3379 STILL STANDS VALID
TODAY AND, HE CONTINUED THE ARGUMENT ADVANCED BY THE ARAB
GROUP THAT ZIONISM IS A FORM OF APARTHEID.

2. PART OF AFTERNOON MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO TRIBUTE TO
THE LATE JOMO KENYATTA OF KENYA. WHEN DEBATE RESUMED,
REMARKS WERE MADE BY FIJI, HAITI, GUYANA, ECUADOR, SOMALIA,
CHAD, COSTA RICA, UGANDA AND NICARAGUA.

3. SOMALIA DEL (OSMAN) TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY DURING HIS
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INTERVENTION TO ATTACK THE COLONIAL REGIME IN ADDIS ABABA
FOR VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE IN HORN OF AFRICA.
IN THIS ACTION THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY AND SHAMELESSLY
ASSISTED IN CUBA, A SURROGATE OF A SUPERPOWER. CUBANS HE
SAID ARE BEING DEPLOYED TO COMMIT WANTON AGGRESSION.

4. IN RIGHT OF REPLY ETHIOPIAN DEL (LEGESSE) REGRETTED

BEING DRAGGED FROM MAIN OBJECTIVE OF CONVERENCE. SOMALIA
INSPIRED BY EXPANSIONIST AMBITIONS, LAUNCHED AN ARMED
ATTACK AGAINST ETHIOPIA AND DESTROYED HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS
AND UNITED NATIONS FINANCED PROJECTS. IN PURSUIT OF
AGGRANDIZEMENT SOMALIA COMMITTED PREMEDITATED AGGRESSION.
ITS PRESIDENT CALLED ON 75,000 INVADERS "TO KILL THE
CHRISTIAN DOGS IN A JEHAD." THEY WIPED OUT PEOPLE OF
SEVERAL FAITHS. PERHAPS SOMALIA IS ACTING AS A MOUTHPIECE
FOR THOSE WHO ARE BOYCOTTING THIS CONFERENCE. SOMALIA IS
TREADING A DANGEROUS PATH AND HAS COMMITTED THE GENOCIDE
OF WHICH SHE HAS ACCUSED ETHIOPIA.

5. CUBA (LECHUGA HEVIA) ALSO IN RIGHT OF REPLY STATED THAT
CUBANS ARE IN ETHIOPIA IN ANSWER TO A LEGITIMATE APPEAL
AGAINST INVASION BY SOMALIA. WE ARE NOT WORKING FOR
IMPERIALISTS. WE WILL STAY AS LONG AS ETHIOPIA DESIRES.
WE ARE SHEDDING OUR BLOOD AGAINST AGGRESSION ENCOURAGED
AND FINANCED BY IMPERIALISTS. THERE IS NORTH AMERICAN
HYSTERIA AGAINST US. MOYNIHAN, GOLDWATER AND REGAN ARE
SPREADING ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY PROPAGANDA WHICH IS REPEATED
BY PEKING MURDERERS AND TAKEN UP BY SOMALIA.

6. AFTER APPEALING TO ALL PARTIES FOR RESTRAINT THE
CHAIRMAN PERMITTED SOMALIA DEL RIGHT OF REPLY. OSMAN
DECLARED THAT ALLEGATIONS BY ETHIOPIA ARE BASELESS, AS ARE
ALLUSIONS TO SOME STATEMENTS OF SOMALIAN PRESIDENT. THIS
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IS PROPAGANDA TO COVER UP SUFFERINGS OF THOSE UNDER
ADDIS ABABA REGIME. CUBA CLAIMS TO PLAY THE ROLE OF
POLICEMAN IN AFRICA. ETHIOPIA DENIES IT IS A COLONIAL
POWER AND SAYS IT SUFFERS AGGRESSION FROM A NEIGHBOR, BUT
HISTORY PROVES THAT ETHIOPIA HAS ALWAYS BEEN EXPANSIONIST
AND COLONIALIST AND IN COLLUSION WITH EUROPEAN COLONIAL
POWERS. SOMALIA WAS HANDED TO ETHIOPIA BY BRITAIN IN
1954. SOMALIA AND ERITREA, OF DIFFERING BACKGROUNDS, HAVE
THIS IN COMMON: THEY SEEK SELF-DETERMINATION. "I NEVER
ACCUSED ETHIOPIA OF GENOCIDE, BUT THERE ARE VIOLATIONS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS IN ETHIOPIA: MASSACRES, TORTURE, ARBITRARY
ARREST, RAPE, CONFISCATION, POISONED WELLS. IF THIS IS
NOT GENOCIDE, WHAT IS? CUBA'S FUTILE ATTEMPT TO HIDE ITS
MILITARY ADVENTURISM INSULTS OUR INTELLIGENCE. THEY SAY
THEY ARE DEFENDING INTEGRITY OF AFRICAN STATE BUT TRUE
PURPOSE OF INTERVENTION IS TO IMPOSE COLONIAL REGIME IN
THE INTEREST OF A SUPERPOWER. THIS IS A CRIMINAL ACT.
PRESENCE OF CUBA IS DESIGNED TO PERPETUATE INSTABILITY IN
AFRICA. ITS HYPOCRISY CAN BE SEEN IN ACTS AND WORDS. HOW
CAN A SMALL COUNTRY SEND 50,000 MEN TO AFRICA WITHOUT OUT-
SIDE FINANCE? IT IS OBVIOUS THAT CUBA IS THE MERCENARY OF
A SUPERPOWER."

7. CHINA IN RIGHT OF REPLY ENTERED THE FRAY STATING THAT
CUBA HAD VILLIFIED CHINA. CHIH YUAH SAID IT IS OBVIOUS
THAT CUBA IS PLAYING A ROLE, "CLEAR TO EVERYBODY". HE
SAID THERE WAS NO NEED TO EXPAND ON THE ISSUE.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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